



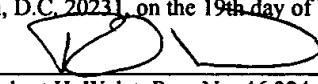
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Applicant: Vadala Jr. et al.  
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**RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2001, Applicants have the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2001, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. No amendments have been made to the claims. Claims 1-33 are pending.

**Election/Restrictions**

Applicants affirm the election of Group I, claims 1-33, drawn to an in-mold decorated article.

**Rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-7, 12, 13, 20-25, and 27-29**

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 12, 13, 20-25, and 27-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,851,617 (Keiser). Applicant does not observe where Keiser discloses an in-molded decorated article comprising an **injection-molded** polymeric material as recited in independent

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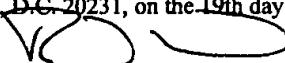
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